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SUBJECT: HARASSMENT OF MRS. ALEXANDRA STRAUSS

REF: USUN 0617

1. CHARGE AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR MET AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 24 WITH ZANTOVSKY AND HULINSKY, HEAD OF MFA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT. PURPOSE OF MEETING, WHICH WAS AT ZANTOVSKY'S REQUEST, WAS TO CONVEY GOC'S CONCERN OVER ATTACK ON MRS. STRAUSSOVA REPORTED REFTEL.

2. AFTER RELATING FACTS OF INCIDENT AS OUTLINED IN FEB 17 NOT VERBALE, ZANTOVSKY NOTED THAT SUCH OCCURRENCES CANNOT BUT HAVE UNFORTUNATE EFFECTS ON MORALE OF MISSION PERSONNEL AND THUS ON WORK OF MISSION. GOC WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST, THEREFORE, THAT USG TAKE WHATEVER STEPS NECESSARY TO INSURE THAT SUCH INCIDENTS NOT OCCUR, AND THAT MISSION IS ABLE TO CARRY OUT ITS ACTIVITIES WITHOUT HARASSMENT. CHARGE EXPRESSED OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL DISTRESS AT INCIDENT, AND PROMISED TO REPORT ZANTOVSKY'S REMAKRS.

3. DURING INFORMAL CONVERSATION WHICH FOLLOWED, ZANTOVSKY EMPHASIZED THAT HIS PRESENTATION WAS NOT RPT NOT A PROTEST, BUT SIMPLY AN EXPRESSION OF
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CONCERN. HULINSKY WAXED NOSTALGIC FOR DAYS WHEN THERE

WAS PERMANENT POLICE PROTECTION AT CZECHOSLOVAK MISSION WHICH, HE CLAIMED, WAS APPRECIATED BY NON-DIPLOMATIC NEIGHBORING SHOPKEEPERS AS WELL.

4. WE APPRECIATE USUN'S PROMPT REPORTING OF INCIDENT BY REFTEL, AND REQUEST THAT ANY REPORTS OF POLICE INVESTIGATION BE SENT TO US BY CABLE AS WELL, SO THAT WE MAY KEEP MFA INFORMED.
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